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THE BIG EXCURSION.

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Eight Train Loads of Foreign Metallurgists Invade Pennsylvania. They Visit the Saw Works at Tacony, and the Iron Manufactories of Phoenixville.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 6.—The Philadelphians were rather astonished at the big party which descended upon their city Saturday. It was a party of 638 persons, of whom nearly 100 were ladies, and was composed of members of the British Iron and Steel institute, of the German Iron and Steel institute and the American Institute of Mining Engineers.

The visitors left New York over the Pennsylvania railroad shortly after 9 o'clock. They were divided up into eight sections of eight cars each. It was the beginning of the big excursion

through the country.

Before they had scarcely touched the city the very first thing they did was to inspect one of America's most extensive factories. This was the saw works of Henry Disston & Sons, at Tacony.

A steamboat was lying at the wharf to take the guests for a sail up the Dela-ware, and the women were the first to board it. A committee of Philadelphia ladies, with Mrs. George W. Carpenter as president, were present to entertain the visiting ladies.

Speeches of Welcome. Mr. Joseph D. Potts made a speech, in which he hoped the guests would find here some fresh physical discoveries and some new and successful applications of old knowledge suitable for use in their

own countries. Sir James Kitson responded and re-marked that if his own countrymen tried to entertain in the American way they would soon be bankrupt. It was nearly 4 o'clock when the visitors reached their respective hotels. The social headquarters are at the Continental hotel and the business headquarters at the Engineers' club in Girard street. In the evening the stores were visited, and many went to the reception ten-dered by Mr. Howard Wood at his resi-

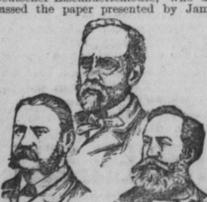
Yesterday was a very quiet one, but for today there are eight excursions organized and in the evening a reception at the Academy of Fine Arts.

A number of the party went to Phoenix ville this morning to visit the Phoenix Iron works. The visitors escorted by Mr. Bonzano, assistant general superintendent of Reading railroad. The ladies the party were entertained at the handsome residence of Mr. David

The Meeting in New York.

New York, Oct. 3 .- A large number of the visitors in attendance upon the convention of the iron and steel institute took advantage of the opportunity offered by the local committee to visit the works of the Consolidated Gas com-pany at Twenty-first street and Ave-

Most of the delegates returned in time to be present when the second session of to be present when the second session of the institute was called to order in Chickering hall. Sir James Kitson pre-sided. He introduced the first speaker, Alexander Thielen, of the Verein Deutscher Eisenhuettenleute, who dis-cussed the paper presented by James



KITSON-HEWITT-SIEMENS. Gayler, of Bessemer, Pa., on "The development of American blast furnaces with special reference to large yields." In his criticism of this paper Mr. Thielen represented the views of manufacturers on the lower Rhine.

Sir James then announced the presence of Abram S. Hewitt, to whom e presented the Bessemer diploma and the medal of the British Iron and Steel institute for services rendered to the iron trade of the world. The chairman paid a feeling tribute to Mr. Hewitt for his untiring efforts to elevate the iron industry in this country. After his remarks he gave Mr. Hewitt the diploma and medal.

Mr. Hewitt followed in a graceful acknowledgment of the honor conferred upon him by an interesting account of the beginnings and development of Bes-semer steel manufacture.

An Alliance Victory. ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 3. — Returns show that the full Democratic ticket is elected by the usual heavy majority, there being practically no opposition. Both constitutional amendments have probably been carried. The general assembly is three-fourths Alliance. The Farmers' Alliance is in the saddle and has control of Georgia today. From Governor Northen down to the humblest

bailiff the farmers are on top and they are jubilant over the result. The Count of Paris. NEW YORK. Oct. 4.—After an absence of twenty-eight years the Comte de Paris returned to America yesterday on the steamship Germanic of the White Star line. He was accompanied by his son, the Duc d'Orleans, and by the Duc de Uzes, the Marquis de Lasteyrie, the Comte de Haussonville, Col. de Parseval, Capt. Morhain and Dr. Recamier.

THE HISTORY OF A WEEK

Wednesday, Oct. 1. Congressman Frank Lawler was nominated for sheriff by the Democrats of C leage.

Fire destroyed the entire business portion of Ononta, the county seat of Blouat county,

The Russian government is about to send an expedition to Mongolia to explore the des-The President nominated George S. Batch-eller, of New York, the present assistant sec-retary of the treasury, for minister to Por-

A German lady has been arrested at Cannes who had in her possession a number of topographical charts of the fortress and plans of the other defenses of the town.

White caps in Calhoun county, Alabama, dragged Mrs. Jane Cody, a widow, from her bed and started for the woods, with the inten-tion of flogging her. She broke away and ran, whereupon she was shot and fatally wounded

by one of the regulators. Raphael & Lewenburg, dealers And manu-Raphaei & Lewenburg, dealers and matter facturers of clothing at 40 Summer street, Boston, have assigned to N. P. Jones, of Cummer, Jones & Cummer. Their liabilities are estimated at from \$175,000 to \$200,000. Their creditors are mostly large who esale houses in Boston, New York and Philadelphia.

Thursday, Oct. 2. The grip has reappeared at Carthage, Ills., and has resulted fatally in a few cases. The returns of the vote in New Jersey on the proposed constitutional amendments show

that both are defeated. of the troops in Ireland.

At Crawford, Neb., fire, supposed to be the work of an incendiary, destroyed five business buildings, causing a loss of \$5',000. The Wilkes 3-year-old stallion Alcyron, owned by Dr. John Wilbur, of Palmer, Mass., and valued at \$10,000, was burned in a barn near Iowa City.

Friday, Oct. 7. Gen. Boulanger will spend the winter in

The Grand Army and ex-Confederates held a joint reunion at Clinton, Mo. crease the price of oil.

The University of Michigan at Ann Arbor opened in all departments with the largest howing ever made in its distory. According to semi-official statements the triple alliance between Italy, Austria and Germany will be resumed after 1892.

The hay crop in Connecticut is large, crabs have hard, thick shells and muskrats are setting up their conical swampy huts. An old Saybrook retired sea captain says these are

signs of a long, severe and snowy winter.

The comptroller of the currency has declared a seventh dividend, 5 per cent., in favor of the creditors of the Exchange National bank, of Norfolk, Va., making in all 60 per cent. on claims proved amounting to \$2,892,219.

Nineteen morocco workers from Newark, N. J., arrived to take places in the free shops in Lynn, Mass. Four of them were captured by the Knights of Labor at the depot. The others went into Martin's factory, where quarters had been prepared for them.

Saturday, Oct. 4. George Bancroft, the historian, celebrated his 90th birthday yesterday. A terrific gale prevailed in the North sea. Five vessels foundered during the storm.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Stanley arrived at Ostend. They were received by King Leopold. Veterans of the Thirty-fifth New Jersey Volunteers will hold a reunion at Newark on

Two children of Nelson Dixon, at Mariboro Mass., were burned to death by the explosion of a kerosene lamp.

The Rev. Dr. John Smith Porter, the oldest Methodist preacher in New Jersey, died at Burlington, aged 85 years. Francis Lingo's lawyers will apply for a

writ of habeas corpus. Prosecutor Jenkins will oppose them, although he hardly expects to convict the prisoner. Lemuel Banister and George Westinghouse. of Pittsburg, paid \$75,000 for a silver mine twenty miles south of Tucson, Ariz. It is claimed that there is \$2,000,000 in sight.

George W. McLean, for many years promi-nent in the business and society of Kansas Clty, committed suicide by shooting himself. He leaves a wife and two children. His sui-

cide was due to despondency. A well known hotel keeper named Charles L. Arnold, died of anurism of the heart, on Sept. 24, at Honolulu. He was a native of Pennsylvania and a member of G. D. Long

Post, No. 45, G. A. R. Secretary Tracy has decided to award the contracts for two battle ships and the cruiser to the Cramps, of Philadelphia, and the con-tract for the third battle ship to the Union Iron works, of San Francisco.

Monday, Oct. 6. The postmaster at Baton Rouge, La., has

The wife of Gen. I ooth, commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army, is dead. Gordon E. Cole, one of the foremost lawyers of Minnesota, died in London.

H. H. Herr, a prominent Altoona attorney, died on the train between York and Harrisburg. President Harrison left Washington on his western trip this morning. He is accompanied by Secretary Tracy.

Rudyard Kipling, the distinguished young author, has gone to the Mediterranean for his health. He is broken down from over-

Mr. John Latouche, who was adjutant of Libby prison during the latter years of the war, died at Richmond, Va., in the 70th year of his age. Returns from all but three counties in Idaho give the entire Republican state ticket over 2,000 majority. The Republicans have elected forty-four out of fifty-four members

of the legislature. Intelligence has been received from Noumea, New Caledonia, that sixty leper convicts confined in the penal establishment there made their escape last June. The authorities have been unable to discover their whose above.

whereabouts. Tuesday, Oct. 7.

Nineteen hundred Russian emigrants sailed for New York from Bremen. A general strike of all the train employes of the Eric railway is threatened. The house of the late J. R. Irwin, at Morton, Pa., was gutted by fire. Loss, \$25,000.

A. Wanamsker, a cousin of the postmaste general, committed suicide in St. Louis. A Spanish engineer and two newspaper men left Genoa in a balloon, intending to cross the Mediterranean.

The comptroller of the currency has called for a report of the condition of national banks at the close of business on Thursday,

Returns show that four English government factories, with 17,000 employes, have turned out firearms to the value of \$12,500,000 during the past year.

Louise Easlinger married George Wehrlin at Redwood, Cal., and committed suicide on her wedding night. It is conjectured that a former lover in Portland, Ore., proved false

Pessengers on an express train on the Bal-timore and Ohio railroad near Newburg. W. Va., were astonished to see a man open the car window and plunge through it headforemost, while the train was running at full speed. The man escaped with two broken wrists and a fractured ankle.

Harrison Will Not Run Again. TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 4 .- John Elam, the former law partner of President Harrison when asked by a reporter if he thought the president would be a candidate for renomination said: "No, the president has told me that he will not again be a candidate. Gen. Harrison has made one of the most conscientious of presidents."

He Renders an Account of His Stewardship.

BUSINESS OF THE PENSION OFFICE.

The Increased Volume of Work and Increased Facility in Dispatching It-The Commissioner Pledges His Devotion to the Soldiers Who Saved the Republic.

Washington, Oct. 7.—The annual report of Green B. Raum, commissioner of pensions, for the fiscal year ending June 30 last, and including the first quarter of the current fiscal year, of the operations of his bureau was submitted to the secretary of the interior. It shows that at the end of the fiscal year there were 537,944 pensioners borne

upon the pension rolls. There were 66,327 original claims allowed during the year, being 14,716 more than were allowed in 1889. The amount of the first payment of these claims aggregated \$32,478,841, being \$11,036,492 more than in the previous fiscal year, and \$10,179,225 more than Gen. Lord Wolselby, accompanied by his staff, has gone to Dublin to assume command 1888. The average annual value of each the first payments of the fiscal year pension at the close of the year was

Expediting Business. When Commissioner Raum took charge of the bureau last October, he says, the work of adjudicating claims and issuing certificates had during the period from July 1, 1889, fallen far behind the same period for the previous fiscal year, while from Oct. 20, 1889, to June 30, 1890, there was an increase in the adjudication of claims and the issu-It is said that at a meeting of the Standard ing of certificates, greatly in excess of Cil company magnates they decided to in-

To illustrate the great amount of business transacted compared with previous work of the bureau the report furnishes a statement showing that since the disability act was passed the bureau received in July, August and September past 1,276,729 letters relating to disability claims, and sent out during the same period 485,462 replies. The

commissioner thinks that probably 100,000 of those claims can be allowed.

He speaks of the disability act as the first in the history of the world which grants pensions for disabilities not proven in the line of duty and a law which recognizes a higher obligation on the part of the people to disabled vet-erans than was ever before formulated. Nothing, he says, shall be left undone by the bureau to give effect to this latest expression of the gratitude of the people to the "soldiers who saved the

THE PRESIDENT'S PROGRESS. He Receives Ovations at Western

Railway Stations. CINCINNATI, Oct. 7.—The president and party arrived here early this morn-ing and after a short stop departed west-ward over the Ohio and Mississippi road at 8 o'clock. Notwithstanding the early hour there was a great crowd at the station and the president responded brieflyto the call for a speech. Secretary Tracy was also called out.

LAWRENCEBURG, Ind., Oct. 7 .- The presidential party passed through here at 8:40 this morning. The president spoke briefly from the rear platform and was greeted with cheers.

Osgood, Ind., Oct. 7.—President Harrison and party arrived here over the Ohio and Mississippi road at 9:30 this morning. CLIFTON FORGE, Va., Oct. 7.—The president's car passed through Clifton Forge at 7 o'clock last evening, attached to the regular Chesapeake and Ohio express. The president spent the greater part of the afternoon in the observation room talking with Secretary Tracy. At Staunton a brass band played "Marching Through Georgia," while president shook half a hundred hands from the

back platform of the car. WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va. Oct. 7.—There was a large crowd waiting to greet the president and to serenade him at this station. The president left his dinner to respond to the calls of the assemblage.

Republicans Elected in Kentucky. CINCINNATI, Oct. 7.—The election in Covington on Saturday was conducted by ballot somewhat similar to the Aus-tralian system. Hitherto the method of voting has been viva voce. The result was the election of John Thomas, Republican, for mayor by a majority of 146. The Republicans also elected the city weigher, five of the aldermen, five of the councilmen and five of the ten members of the school board. The Democrats elected the assessor. This is the first Republican mayor in twenty-

A War Dance for the President. TOHEE, I. T., Oct. 6.—At a meeting of the council and chiefs of the Iowa Nation it was decided to extend to President Harrison an invitation that he extend his western trip to this village. W. P. Thompson, of The Guthrie News, was authorized to telegraph to the president this fact and to say that a war dance would be ordered in his honor. Should Mr. Harrison not visit Tohee then the blind chief and his council will meet him in Guthrie if he TERMS, for Flour, Feed and

will come there. Birchall Confesses. WOODSTOCK, Oct. 7.—Birchall's story of the murder of Benwell is gradually oozing out of him. He acknowledges he was accessory and therefore merits the sentence passed upon him. He alleges, however, that some of the testimony adduced in behalf of the crown was untrue.

Five Men Killed. PURDY, Tenn., Oct. 4 .- At Chewalla, McNairy county, five men were instantly killed by the explosion of a steam mill boiler belonging to Mr. Gurley, who had recently bought the mill. Gurley's body was torn into shreds.

The New Tariff Law. NEW YORK, Oct. 6 .- The McKinley tariff law went into effect this morning, and an unaccustomed quiet prevails in the custom house, in striking contrast to the exciting scenes enacted there on Saturday.

German Day in Philadelphia. PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 7 .- The 207th anniversary of the landing of the first German colony led by Francis Pastor-ius, was celebrated at the hall of the German society in this city last night.

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